



Application No. 10/065,270

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 15, 19, 26 and 28 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 15, 19, 26 and 28.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 12-14, 17 and 18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended and claims 6-11, 15 and 16 are canceled. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 4 can be found in the original specification. See, for example, the drawings, which show the data storage having a housing that is separated from a housing that has the docking station, and see, for example, indicator LED 5k in Fig. 4 and step S155 of Fig. 6 regarding an example of an indicator that indicates the state of communication between the digital camera and the data storage. Also see paragraphs 88 and 107. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

I. All Informalities Have Been Corrected

The Office Action identified a typographical error in Fig. 15. By this Amendment, that typographical informality and additional typographical informalities in the drawings have been corrected. In particular: (i) the spelling of "deleting" and "protected" in step S521 of Fig. 15 is corrected; (ii) the spelling of "termination" in step S22 of Fig. 19 is corrected; (iii) the spelling of "selection" in step S61 and "search" in step S69 of Fig. 26 is corrected; and (iv) the spelling of "enabling" in step S81, "changed" in step S86, "lapse of time" in step S88 and "change" in step S94 of Fig. 28 is corrected. Withdrawal of the drawing objection is requested.

Applicant submits that the amendment to the title overcomes the objection to the title.

II. All Pending Claims are Patentable

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,721,001 to Berstis in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,507,363 to Anderson et al. This rejection is moot with respect to canceled claims 6-10 and 15, and is respectfully traversed with respect to claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 14, 17 and 18. In particular, Berstis and Anderson

et al. do not disclose or suggest the combinations of features recited in independent claims 1 and 4.

Neither Berstis nor Anderson et al. discloses or suggests a docking station that includes an indicator that indicates a state of communication between the digital camera and the data storage as recited in independent claims 1 and 4. This feature aids in informing a user that data communication is taking place between the digital camera and the data storage.

Neither Berstis nor Anderson et al. recognizes or addresses such an issue.

Claims 3, 5, 11, 13 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Berstis in view of Anderson et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,784,925 to Tomat et al. This rejection is moot with respect to canceled claims 11 and 16, and is respectfully traversed with respect to claims 3, 5 and 13. Claims 3, 5 and 13 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to their corresponding independent claims 1 and 4. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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